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NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT SIGNS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT RENOVATION IS SET TO BEGIN ON THE JIM WEST REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER

Santa Fe, February 22, 2011 - The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) proudly announces Stoven Construction Company has been awarded the contract to renovate the 12,000 sq. ft. building which will be the new Jim West Regional Transit Center located on Riverside Drive in Espanola (Near Walmart & the Auto Zone). The "Blue Building" will become the hub for the NCRTD Administrative and Operations Offices of the "Blue Buses" which employees 46 people. The renovation will begin in March 2011 and is scheduled to be completed in November 2011.

A portion of the funds used to purchase the transit center location and its renovation are from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and will provide an economic boost to the area as the project has and will employ a variety of Construction Laborers, Architects, a Project Manager, Realtor(s), Appraiser(s), Surveyor(s), and multiple engineering firms (mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, etc.)

"We are extremely pleased the construction is set to begin and the citizens of New Mexico's north central region and the people of Espanola will have a beautiful transit center for the signature Blue Buses that provide vital, safe and free connections through the north central part of New Mexico." said Josette Lucero, Executive Director.

Rosemary Romero, NCRTD Chair, said "I could not be more proud of the free service the NCRTD Blue Buses provide and how the NCRTD has been able to bring transit connections and people together in north central New Mexico in Los Alamos, Taos, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties and throughout five northern pueblos. We are so excited to begin construction on this transit center; it will be a real asset to the people in our regional transit district."

The North Central Regional Transit District provides free bus service in north central New Mexico including Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Taos Counties log on to www.ncrtd.org or call toll free 1-866-206-0724 for schedules.

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